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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary

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09/921,460

Applicant(s)

HONG ET AL.

Examiner

Gertrude Arthur-Jeanglaude

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 7/12/05.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14, 16-27 and 29-56 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14, 16-27, 29-41 and 45-56 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 42-44 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 6/30/05
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

Prosecution is reopened in view of the new rejection below.

Information Disclosure Statement

Information disclosure statement filed 6/30/05 has been considered. However, the other art section with office action summary is not considered since it is not a prior art.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 42-44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hermann et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,737,536).

As to claim 42, Herrmann et al. disclose a method for configuring stored information in at least one cache server comprising storing the more frequently requested of the first and second information in a first location and the less frequently requested of the first and second information in a second in a second location and wherein the first location is more accessible than the second location (See col. 5, lines 35-60; col. 8, lines 21-38; col. 14, lines 15-24) but does not specifically disclose comparing first and second hot reference counter; however it would have been obvious

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to compare the counters in order to come up with the frequently accessed information in order to speed up access to data.

As to claim 43, Herrmann et al. disclose the first location is located by the server in a search before the second location (See col. 11, lines 61-67-col. 12, lines 1-7).

As to claim 44, Herrmann et al. disclose various locations in memories as shown in Fig. 1A for storing information as shown in Fig. 1B wherein it would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to retrieve third information associated with the first information, the third information being less frequently requested than the second information; and storing the third information at a third location in close proximity to the first location (See col. 8, lines 46-56), the third location being more accessible than the second location in order to speed up access to data.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-14, 16-27, 29-41, 45-56 are allowed.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-14, 16-27, 29-56 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gertrude Arthur-Jeanglaude whose telephone number is

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(571) 272-6954. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wiley David can be reached on (571) 272-3923. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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